

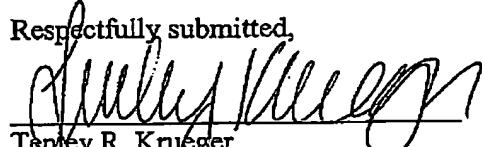
REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated August 25, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on November 25, 2005. Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of the above noted amendments and the following remarks in response to the Office Action.

REJECTIONS:

Claims 1-17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,489,634 (*Hara*). *Hara* lists over 80 lines as examples of oxygen-containing organic compounds of silicon that may be used as electron donative compounds, while Applicants have demonstrated that the donors in the list do not behave in the same manner and they are not interchangeable. Further, as discussed in the interview, disecbutyldialkoxysilane external donors provide unexpected properties over the diisobutyldialkoxysilane external donors of *Hara*. For example, Figure 3 of the specification demonstrate that the xylene solubles content of disecbutyldimethoxysilane (DSBDMS) increases slightly as xylene solubles level increases, while the xylene solubles content of diisobutyldimethoxysilane (DIBDS) decreases as the hydrogen level increases. Further, Figure 1 illustrates that the catalyst activity of DSBDMS increases as the Al/Si ratio increases, while the catalyst activity of DIBDS decreases. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request the same.

Respectfully submitted,



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